

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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The Federal Stimulus Package included \$1.8 billion in funding that are now available in the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) to local governments and businesses to avert layoffs and the negative impact they would have upon the economy.

On July 28, 2009, legislation was enacted which expanded the eligible service population under the TANF EFC to include non-CalWORKS needy families. Counties can now draw down ECF funds to cover 80 percent of the cost for wages and short-term benefits if those funds would avert the layoff of a county employee who is a parent living at 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$3,050 for a family of three per month). Similarly, these funds can be utilized to subsidize employees of a private business if the assistance would keep that business from closing.

Los Angeles County should make every effort to examine which departments could be eligible to utilize these stimulus dollars both to continue the provision of important services, and to avert the layoff of county employees. Similarly, we should also examine how the county can provide these funds to private businesses to avert business closures, unemployment, and economic disruption.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer—with the assistance from the Department of Public Social Services and other relevant departments—to report back in 15 days with an implementation plan for county departments to follow in order to utilize TANF Emergency Contingency Funds where appropriate to continue county services and avert employee layoffs. The implementation plan also should address measures to make the funds available through our workforce centers to prevent the closure of private businesses and the consequential employee layoffs.

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